



Spring 2022 Deep South Capital Defense Conference

Hollywood Casino – Gulf Coast ♦ Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
March 9-11, 2022

AGENDA

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

6:00pm – 8:00pm	Faculty/ Leadership Dinner (invite only)
8:30pm – 9:00pm Conference Pre-Function Area	Early Registration

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

7:00am	Registration
7:00am – 8:15am Cypress B	Breakfast
8:15am – 8:30am Cypress C	Welcome <i>André de Gruy, State Public Defender, Kelsey Rushing, State Capital Defender and Erin Briggs, Training Director Office of State Public Defender Jackson, Mississippi</i>
8:30am - 9:30am (1hr)	Guidelines and Standards for Capital Representation <i>Emily Olsen – Gault, Director & Chief Counsel ABA Death Penalty Representation Project</i>
9:30am – 9:35am	<u>Evaluations</u>
9:35am – 10:50am (1.25hr)	The Grief Process <i>Curtis Flowers Winona, Mississippi</i>
10:50am – 11:00am	<u>Evaluations</u> & Break
11:00am – 12:00pm (1hr)	Building the Capital Defense Team <i>Christian Lamar, Director of Capital Conflict Office Georgia Capital Defenders</i>
12:00pm – 12:05pm	<u>Evaluations</u>
12:05pm – 1:30 pm Epic Buffet	Lunch

1:30pm – 2:30pm (1hr) Cypress C	Lessons Learned from A Death Penalty Abolitionist <u>Sister Helen Prejean</u> <i>Ministry Against the Death Penalty</i> <i>New Orleans, Louisiana</i>
2:30pm - 2:35pm	<u>Evaluations</u>
2:35pm - 3:35pm (1hr)	Juror # 2 <u>Lindy Lou Isonhood</u> <i>Yazoo City, Mississippi</i>
3:35pm – 3:45pm	<u>Evaluations</u> & Break
3:45pm – 5:00pm (1.25hr)	Trauma Informed Client Interviewing <u>Megan Leschak</u> , <i>Forensic Social Worker and Mitigation Specialist</i> <i>Context Mitigation</i> <i>Baltimore, Maryland</i>
5:00pm – 5:05pm	<u>Evaluations</u>

Thursday, March 10, 2022

7:00am - 8:00am Cypress B	Breakfast
8:00am – 9:00am (1hr) Cypress C	The Capital Jury Project <u>Elizabeth Varkessian</u> , <i>Founder and Executive Director</i> <i>Advancing Real Change</i> <i>Baltimore, Maryland</i>
9:00am – 9:05am	<u>Evaluations</u>
9:05am – 10:05am (1hr)	Mitigation – Where Do We Find It? <u>Monica Lee</u> , <i>Mitigator</i> <i>Office of State Public Defender</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>
10:05am – 10:25am	<u>Evaluations</u> & Break
10:25am – 11:25am (1hr)	Strategic Motion Practice <u>Marc Bookman</u> , <i>Co-Founder and Executive Director</i> <i>Atlantic Center for Capital Representation</i> <i>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</i>
11:25am - 11:30am	<u>Evaluations</u>

11:30am – 12:55pm Epic Buffet	Lunch
12:55pm – 1:55pm (1hr) Cypress C	Working with Experts <i>Kelsey Rushing</i> , Capital Defender & <i>William Criss Lott, PhD</i> Office of State Public Defender Clinical and Forensic Psychologist Jackson, Mississippi Ridgeland, Mississippi
1:55pm – 2:00pm	Evaluations
2:00pm-3:00pm (1hr)	When You See the Victim’s Family <i>Monica Lee</i> , Mitigation Specialist & <i>Lela Hubbard</i> , Mitigation Specialist <i>Sonya Neal</i> , Mitigation Specialist Donaldson Enterprises Office of State Public Defender Jackson, Mississippi <i>Stacy Ferraro</i> , Juvenile Parole Resource Counsel Mississippi JLWOP Project, Mississippi Center for Justice Jackson, Mississippi
3:00 – 3:15pm	Evaluations & Break
3:15pm – 5:00pm (1.75hr)	Let’s Talk about Juries <i>Thomas “Tom” Fortner</i> , Partner Lowrey & Fortner, PA Hattiesburg, Mississippi
5:00pm – 5:05pm	Evaluations
5:15pm – 7:30pm The Bridges Private Room	Reception

Friday, March 11, 2022

7:00am – 8:00am Cypress B	Breakfast
8:00am – 9:00am (1hr)	When Your Client is a Volunteer (Ethics) <i>B. Humphreys McGee</i> , Attorney & <i>Cliff Johnson</i> , Director MS Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel MacArthur Justice Center Jackson, Mississippi Oxford, Mississippi
9:00 – 9:05am	Evaluations
9:05am – 10:05am (1hr)	When Caring Costs You <i>Tatiana Kline</i> , Deputy Public Defender III San Diego County Public Defender’s Office San Diego, California
10:05am – 10:10am	Evaluations / Closing Announcements